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SUBJ: KING'S VISIT

1. OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY MAP CARRIED BRIEF ITEM LATE SEPTEMBER 7 CITING AN "AUTHORIZED SOURCE" AND SAYING THAT THE KING "WOULD MAKE" A STATE VISIT TO THE US ON NOVEMBER 14-15. THE "AUTHORIZED SOURCE" IS ALMOST CERTAINLY THE ROYAL CABINET.
2. AFP HAD EARLIER QUOTED "GOOD SOURCE" AS SAYING THE KING'S ." SEPTEMBER 8 MORNING PRESS CARRIED VERSIONS OF STORY; THAT OF PRO-GOVERNMENT AL MAGHRIB SAID "NO PRECISE DATE HAS YET BEEN ESTABLISHED" FOR THE VISIT.
3. SNAFUS AND GARBLES IN GOM DEALINGS WITH THE PRESS ARE NOT RARE, AND WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE STORY GIVEN TO MAP WAS AUTHORIZED. ALTHOUGH IT REFLECTS A GENERAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE PALACE THAT THE KING WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO MAKE HIS POSTPONED VISIT TO THE US, WE ARE FAR FROM ASSUMING THAT THE KING HAS ACCEPTED THE SUGGESTED DATES.

4. SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION,
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PROTOCOL CHIEF MOULAY HAFID CALLED THE AMBASSADOR TO COMPLAIN ABOUT LEAKS, SAYING THAT FRANCE INTER RADIO IN PARIS HAD CARRIED A STORY ON THE INVITATION WHICH INCLUDED DATES. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WE PLAN TO CONTINUE TO AVOID COMMENT ON THE VISIT. WE RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE AND DEPARTMENT DO THE SAME.
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